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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT : Charles D. Snelling  
SERIAL NO. : 09/819,943  
FILED : March 28, 2001  
TITLE : APPARATUS FOR DETECTING THE INTERNAL  
LIQUID LEVEL IN A VESSEL  
Group/A.U. : 2856  
Examiner : Michael T. Cygan  
Conf. No. : 2958  
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LETTER

Commissioner for Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Applicant hereby withdraws the amendment filed February 12, 2003. This amendment was duplicative of Applicant's October 24, 2002 amendment, and not responsive to the December 19, 2002 final-office action. An appropriate response to the final-office action is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Sir:

In response to the examiner's final office action dated  
December 19, 2002, please amend the above-identified  
application as indicated below:

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

In the Claims

Please amend claim 11 as follows:

11. (Twice Amended) A system for detecting the level of liquid  
in a vessel, comprising:  
a detector assembly including a thermally conductive  
substrate,  
a heater mounted on said substrate such that said heater is  
thermally coupled to the interior of the vessel, said

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